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Title: METHODS FOR THE RAPID DETECTION OF ACTIVELY
RESPIRING MICROORGANISM

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

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Sir:

a.) Introductory Comments:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the non-final Office Action, mail dated June 14, 2005, applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments to the claims and reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of these amendments and applicant's remarks below.

disagrees, claim 11 has been amended to recite detecting "reporter molecules that form reporter-primary antibody complexes".


Accordingly, the rejection of claims 11, 29 and 30, under MPEP § 2172.01, is moot and applicant respectfully requests that it be withdrawn.

Conclusion

If there are any additional fees due with the filing of this Amendment, including any additional fees for a further extension of time, not herein accounted for, applicant respectfully requests that extension and also requests that any and all fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1682 referencing Attorney Docket No. 144517.00201.

Respectfully submitted,
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